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for health department**

Lt. Gov. Andre Bauer on Tuesday called on Gov. Mark Sanford to name a new director for the state Department of Health and Human Services.

Bauer said the department needs a director in order to stem public concern about a new \$250 million contract to transport seniors and people with disabilities.

The agency entered into a new contract with two out-of-state agencies in May to take over nonemergency transportation services from local contractors.

That decision has been under protest since Sanford made it. Complaints range from failure to pick up nursing home patients for transport to medical care, to returning patients to incorrect addresses and refusal by new contract employees to aid customers.

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